

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Place: Veterans Home Cemetery

Date: Monday, May 26th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. Concert at Lincoln Theater

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Message from the Deputy Administrator

The Bureau of State Audits (BSA) audit of the Home has been released. You can find the complete audit at http://www.bsa.ca.gov/reports/list.php We will be working with CDVA Headquarters staff over the coming months to address all areas where shortfalls were noted.

The audit team was very thorough and professional in conducting this audit, and it goes into extensive detail on a number of technical issues. Therefore, it is necessary to read the entire audit report to gain a complete understanding of the nature of the findings and recommendations. The Department of Veterans Affairs



Barton Buechner,
Deputy Administrator

has replied to several areas of the audit (see pages 57-62 of the report) and has also compiled a brief summary which addresses some of the comments in the report's Executive Summary.

The audit focuses on several problem areas many of which are well known, including staffing levels and resource driven problems, including the need for a complete ADA accessibility study of the facility. The audit also affirms the dedication of our staff and the high quality of care we strive to provide, and does not find that that high quality of care has been compromised despite these shortages.

We intend to use this constructive feedback to help us strengthen all aspects of our programs and continue to get the resources we need to continue to make things better. If you have questions about the audit report, please address them with your supervisor. We are planning to communicate regularly and engage in dialogue as we move to implement the recommendations that have been made.

Employee of the Quarter

Capt. Mike Ensminger, Security Service was presented with the Employee of the Quarter Award for the period January-March 2008.

right: Karen Luke, Mike Ensminger, and Tina Helmuth



Message from the California Secretary of Veterans Affairs Regarding the Recent Audit of the Yountville Veterans Home

The California State Auditor has released their audit findings regarding the Veterans Home at Yountville. I am disappointed with the Auditor's news release concerning the audit in that it was far more negative in tone than what one would find in reading the audit itself. If I were to write the headlines of their news release it would read like this: "Audit finds no quality of care issues at Home but outlines areas for improvement."

For the most part, the areas noted for improvement in the audit are ones that the Department is already focused on and progress has already occurred. For instance, recruitment of staff is a challenge for all health care organizations in California. Yet, the Department has been a leader in the state in promoting changes in salary structures and new recruiting incentives to attract more professional staff. Further, even though there is still extensive use of overtime, the Home has reduced the vacancy rates in the majority of professional staff over the past 4 years.

Similarly, the Home has many residents or patients with limited mobility. Consequently, improvement of the physical plant, including sidewalks and parking lots, and remodeling of living or care units, to better serve those with limited mobility, is constantly on our front burner. In non-health care facilities the ADA requirements discussed in the audit become more of a problem and require special attention. In Veterans Homes, we live ADA every day because of our resident/patient population and every project we do includes an upgrade to ADA standards. We have just completed an infrastructure study for Yount-ville which will address some of the long-range planning issues but many more issues will remain and will be addressed by a long-range strategic plan for the campus.

The one area of the audit that I find to be the most helpful is the focus on bio-medical equipment and the need for a more robust oversight program for the preventive maintenance of our medical equipment. This is an area we will immediately address by adjusting our resources and procedures. The other issue of complaint follow-up that was discussed in the audit is one that we will address through improving documentation. The Department has a policy of responding to all complaints and addressing issues as quickly and forthrightly as possible. Therefore, we will make sure that the documentation supporting this policy is clear and comprehensive for all to see.

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Tom
Johnson,
Secretary,
CDVA

Founder's Day at the Lincoln Theater

By Lou Zauner



Beginning the celebration of the 124th birthday of the Veterans Home on Sunday, March 30, Deputy Home Administrator Bart Buechner acted as Master of Ceremonies first presenting a captivating pictorial review of Home accomplishments during the past year; and then introducing the Big Band era music of the Johnny Staton Orchestra with special salute to World War II Veterans.

Formidable accomplishments during 2007 were: opening of the Memory Care Center, The Pathway Home, the relocation of facilities to begin construction of the new Home Member Services Building, and the bonanza of the annual Celebrity Chef's Luncheon. Bart Buechner also announced Hyther Butts as 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee, and those who would be receiving the Hall of

Fame Medallions for previous year's inductions on Friday, April 4, at the Hospital Recreation Area.

Taking the stage, after his introduction, Johnny Staton, a singer with the style of Sinatra and musical repertoire of Big Band days,

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This is the 3rd audit done on the Home since 1997, and each audit has provided suggestions and recommendations on areas of improvement. If the Fact Sheet released by the State Auditor had the headline that I proposed earlier I think it would more accurately reflect the findings of this audit. I know that our staff at the Veterans Home in Yountville is doing a terrific job in giving the best possible care and service to our Veterans; that is their collective mission and their commitment. This audit essentially validates that statement, and for that, we can be appropriately pleased with the result.

The audit can be viewed at: http://www.bsa.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2007-121.pdf.

By Lou Zauner

Beginning at 1:30 pm, Friday
April 4, another Founder's
Day Celebration took place in the
Hospital Recreation Area to honor
the Home's 124th Anniversary. The
Grant Avenue Follies entertained;
the Korean Veterans of Contra Costa
Post 264 provided ice cream sundaes; and the Hall of Fame Recipi-



ents were presented with their valued Hall of Fame Medallions.

The Grant Avenue Follies came to the Home from San Francisco's Chinatown. Many of the talented ladies entertained in the famous nightclub *The Forbidden City* that was popular in Chinatown during the World War 11 era. Vocalists were Gayle Chan, Cynthia Yee, Bernice Louie, Betty Louie, Marleen Luke,

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Johnny Staton

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introduced his 12-piece Orchestra, and opened the concert with one of Sinatra's signature songs, *Fly Me To The Moon*. Glen Miller was represented with *Little Brown Jug*; Nat King Cole with *When I Fall in Love* and *Mona Lisa*. A talented trio of ladies introduced as "The Girl Friends," performed the familiar favorites of the 40's era – *Bei Mir Bist Du Schoen*, *Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy*, *When They Begin The Beguine*, and *Drinking Rum and Coca Cola*.

Intermission included wine, cheese and crackers, and cordial conversation with the several hundred attending guests.

The patriotic finale of the show with the audience standing to sing *God Bless America* couldn't have been more inspiring.

Johnny Staton expressed his joy and pleasure at being able to perform with his orchestra and vocalists for the audience at Lincoln. Another great afternoon concert and a wish for a return engagement.





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Alice Chan, Avis Seetho, and Sandra Lee; with Lily Hall attending sound. Also, among the fast-paced acts, were vocalist Sergeant Richard Kishimoto in magnificent voice singing patriotic songs; and *Tamaka* performing his magical works to the delight and bewilderment of the audience. A superlative production with a stirring finale of *Yankee Doodle Dandy*.

The dedicated volunteers of the Korean Veterans Post 264 provided an array of ice cream with luscious toppings of chocolate, strawberry, caramel and more. In addition to handling an anxious serving line of ice cream sundae aficionados, volunteers of the Post darted among the audience to seated guests with hands eagerly outstretched for the dessert.



The ending ceremony was the presentation of the 2007 Hall of Fame Designation to Hyther Butts, a volunteer of over 50-years who brings donuts and cheer to handicapped Annex and Hospital Residents. Also, the now-available Hall of Fame Medallions were presented to previous Hall of Fame Inductees: Dick and Jane Hum, Karen Zanetell, Terry Tenney, and John "Squeaky" Bolner.

Hyther Butts and Marcella McCormack.







Follies du Valle – a Smorgasbord of Musical Entertainment

By Lou Zauner

The three performances of *Follies du Valle* were presented at Lincoln Theater on Friday, April 4, Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6.

This year's theme, *Eat your Heart Out*, was a musical tribute to all things culinary. With tempting titles such as *Dinner is Served*, *Now That's Italian*, *Farmer's Market*, *Let's Do Lunch*, *Hunger Management*, and *Favorite Dish* treated us to extraordinary meals while we were transported from France, to Italy, Latin America.

Act Two continued the food fest with musical numbers titled *Banana Boat*, *Cheeseburger in Paradise*, *Tap Tapioca*, and *Buffet*.

Every Act was perfect, but all would agree the group of all-male tutu-clad dancers performing Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies brought down the house.

Each act was original, innovative, artfully and impeccably presented. In short, it was a great show! The cast of 111 (the youngest age four and the oldest 74-years of age) were joined 20 to 30 volunteers working behind the scenes, and almost another 50 producers, directors, musicians and technical staff to produce two hours of thoroughly joyful entertainment. The proceeds of the performances support the *Lincoln Theater Student Outreach Program*.

Congratulations to all the exceptional talents who contributed to a great success. I'm already standing in line for the next performance of *Follies du Valle-Don't Quit Your Day Job*.











Looking Out for #1

Your Bones

Sigh. I see they are sending another rival, Sammy, the Library dog, to challenge me. Two dogs against one cat. Well, their odds are improving, but I scorn the effort. Sammy, I see, is writing about the place of bones in mystery novels and forensic medicine. My concern is more

about you and the role of bones in your body. They tend to begin to lose mass when you pass the age of 30, and women are most at risk in the post-menopausal years.

So what? **So what a lot!** Thinning bones put you at greater risk for fracture, and this becomes increasingly difficult to deal with as you age. Fortunately, osteoporosis is considered a preventable disease. Your first line of defense is a combination of calcium and vitamin D. Consult your physician for the amount of both that you, as an individual, require. For most people of "mature" years the figures are 1200mg. of calcium and 600 IU of vitamin D, Let's translate these figures into something practical.

Few people get enough calcium from diet alone. It can be be obtained from a diet high in dairy products such as milk and yogurt, fortified orange juice, and many vegetables particularly the dark green ones. Cold-water fish, like salmon and sardines, are good, too. (Invite me over when you have those.) If you suspect that you, like 50% of the population, are not obtaining enough from diet alone, ask your physician about a supplement.

Vitamin D is necessary to help your body utilize the calcium you're getting. In these wonderful spring and summer days, the answer for that is simple: "Don't hole up!" It only takes 10 - 15 minutes a day of sunshine to provide all you need. You can combine this with another recommendation for osteoporosis

prevention: weight-bearing exercise. You may have suspected that cats are weightless; you are not, so walking remains one of the best activities for health benefits.

In winter and when you are confined, you may require a vitamin D supplement. It is often combined with calcium since the two go together.

If you wish to "float like a butterfly; sting like a bee", just stick with me. "Cat-Watching" will offer you many tips to maintain your own health.

Getting sun every day is very important to a cat like me. I have to keep these long bones in shape. And to get my calcium-yum, sardines!

Walking is purrfect exercise! I make quite a few laps around the office every day.



Test your knowledge on preventing Osteoporosis through working out:

- 1. Which of these exercise programs will NOT do much to help improve your bone density?
 - a. Running and jumping.
 - b. Swimming and bicycling.
 - c. Walking and dancing.
 - d. None of the above.
- 2. I now understand how regular exercise can help prevent osteoporosis. Even though I haven't exercised in years, I should head out for a jog immediately.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.
- 3. After getting clearance from your doctor, a potential bone-building exercise for someone just starting out might be:
 - a. Lifting very light free weights.
 - b. Using a balance ball in the corner of a room for stability.
 - c. Tai Chi.
 - d. All of the above.
- 4. There's more to weight-bearing exercise than lifting weights at the gym.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.
- 5. Which of these is NOT a health benefit of exercising outdoors?
 - a. Moderate exposure to sunlight helps the body produce Vitamin D, which is beneficial in preventing osteoporosis.
 - b. Walking or hiking outdoors may help improve balance and coordination, compared to a perfectly level treadmill.
 - c. One can listen to music on headphones with the volume turned up all the way.
 - d. Incorporating exercise into a fun outdoor activity can help motivate a person to stick with a regular regimen.
- 6. You can lose calcium in your sweat.
 - a. True.
 - b. False
- 7. A pre-menopausal woman is exercising excessively and putting herself at risk of osteoporosis if:
 - a. She stops getting her period.
 - b. She becomes so thin she looks emaciated.
 - c. Are you kidding? It's not possible to exercise too much, when you're talking about bone health.
 - d. Both a. and b.
- 8. Those who are of advanced age should avoid exercise altogether.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.

From Health-Central

- 9. Which of the following exercises should be avoided by those with server osteoporosis?
 - a. High impact aerobics.
 - b. Sports that can involve risk of a fall.
 - c. Exercises that require twisting one's back.
 - d. All of the above.
- 10. Will exercise alone prevent osteoporosis?
 - a. True.
 - b. False

Osteoporosis Quiz Answers:

- 1. b. Swimming and bicycling do not require bones to resist against your full body weight, and while they can provide cardiovascular benefits, these exercises are not particularly effective to stave off osteoporosis.
- 2. b. False. It's important to consult with your doctor before starting a new exercise regimen, particularly if you already have osteoporosis, osteopenia, or other health conditions.
- 3. d. All of the above. All the exercises mentioned can be suitable for those trying to add more activity to a previously sedentary lifestyle, but make sure your doctor agrees first.
- 4. a. True. Your bones get stronger from regular weightbearing exercise, but that doesn't necessarily mean you must use dumbbells and weight-training machines. Any movement that you do forcing your bones to carry your weight even taking a walk in the park can be beneficial.
- 5. c. Not only can the high volume be damaging to your ears and eventually lead to hearing loss, but it is important to be aware of your surroundings to avoid traffic and security risks, for the sake of your bones and overall health.
- 6. a. True. If you exercise regularly and sweat profusely, consult with your doctor as to whether your calcium intake should be increased to compensate for this loss.
- 7. d. Both a and b. While a woman can lose her period for other reasons (and may want to consult a doctor after missing several in a row), a serious athlete who stops menstruating and is significantly below the weight recommended for her height is not doing her body and especially her bones any favor. Being too thin is a known risk factor for osteoporosis.
- 8. b. False. Studies have shown that individuals of any age can derive benefits from exercise both in terms of bone mass and muscle strength. Check with your doctor to see what type of exercise might be best for you before you start.
- 9. d. All of the above. Anyone with severe osteoporosis should not attempt any exercise that could contribute to a fracture. Check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.
- 10. b. True. Sadly, a number of different factors can contribute to osteoporosis, so there are no guarantees. But incorporating regular weight-bearing exercise into a healthy lifestyle will undoubtedly improve your bone mass compared to what it might have been otherwise.

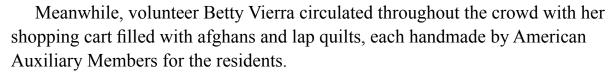
American Legion's Spring Fling

By Lou Zauner

On Sunday, March 30 beginning at 1:30 pm, District 5 of the American Legion Auxiliary welcomed spring with the annual *Spring Fling*. Pat Anderson, American Legion Past President, and her volunteers served the crowd of Hospital Residents and Home Members in the Hospital Recreation Area.

The decorated serving tables were loaded with an incomparable array of cookies and cakes, most of which were home-baked by the American Legion ladies. Ice cream completed the dessert. While the afternoon crowd was kept busy munching and chatting, volunteers Bernard Vash and Elizabeth Cause presented small envelopes, each with a \$5

bill, to the Home Members.



Again, our sincere appreciation and thanks to our District 5 American Legion Auxiliary for the annual *Spring Fling* that brings good cheer and the promise of more American Legion season events to come to our Home Members.

New Wine Appreciation Class

By Lou Zauner

If you ever had questions about the complexities of wine but were afraid to ask, fear no more! The knowledge you have been seeking is waiting for you at the Hospital Recreation Area. Recreation Therapists Michelle Eiser and Janette Eubank are presenting an 8-week course in wine appreciation.

The objectives of the course: Get acquainted with local wine in Napa/Sonoma Valley; learn the basics in food and wine pairing, and promote social interaction for different levels of care.

A wide variety of wines from local wineries are selected for taste, color, fragrance, and served with snacks such as crackers, cheese, berries to enhance the tasting.

The next class will begin in June. Pre-registration for this exceptional opportunity is required. Sign up at the Activity Office in Section F. Your physician's approval for participating in this Wine Appreciation Class will be required.



Eddie Fowroy and Betty Vierra

Instructor Michelle Eiser



May 2008

Monthly Pinochle Tournament Results

Pinochle tournament on 2nd Tuesday of each month in the HRA. Next tournament: May 13, 5:30 pm. History was made at the Veterans Home on Tuesday, April 8th when four women played in the final round of the tournament. Congratulations to all of them:

1st place: Georgia Todd and Imogene Lambert. Each was awarded a \$30 gift card to Marie Callendar.

2nd place: Emily Willett and Marjorie Fletcher. Each was awarded a \$20 gift card to China House.

3rd place: Joe Maynard and Dale Oleson. Each was awarded a \$10 gift card to Longs Drugs.

This On the Job Training program for Safety in Confined Spaces was presented by Ron Johnson of our Plant **Operations** Service regarding safety in confined spaces. The manhole is located east of the Memory Care Unit











Paws with Brandy.

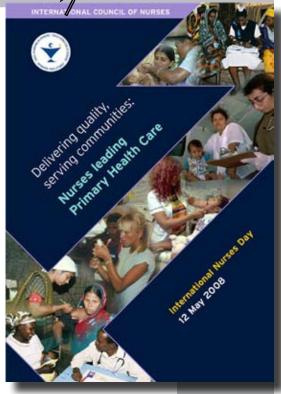
On the Front Lines A Week of Appreciation

Turses Week starts May 6th and ends on May 12 -- Florence Nightingale's birthday, which has been designated as International

Nurses Day. The week gives us (and Brandy...Florence Nightingale is her hero) a chance to celebrate and recognize the contributions that nurses and nursing makes to our community.

"Delivering Quality, Serving Communities" is the slogan of this year's events.

Residents and staff join in the appreciation of the care, concern and dedication our nurses bring to us.



Spring is here!



Linen Distribution starting Friday 4/25/08 will be supplying rags for the carwash out by the picnic grounds area. We will be delivering clean rags twice a week Mondays and Fridays. There will be a container in place for soiled rags to be placed for pick up and rewash. Thank you, enjoy the beautiful weather and drive safe.

Gwen Culpepper, Laundry Supervisor II

First Annual Member Craft Show and Demonstrations

Sponsored by Help Hospitalized Veterans

Saturday May 3 10:30 am - 3:00 pm Hospital Recreation Area

Ome see what we have for your busy hands!

*Wood Crafts * Leather Crafts *

*Metal and Plastic Models *

Paint Crafts

Plus many more types of kits to fit your style. Do a kit on the spot with our college volunteers. Find a class to work in during the week. Snacks will be served.



Dix Bruce Band Another Packed Performance

By Lou Zauner

It was early in the show when every seat in the Hospital Recreation Area was taken, and staff caretakers went scrambling to make space and unfold more chairs to accommodate the incoming crowd. Precisely at 2 pm, Thursday, April 17, *all of us* were treated to the popular opening number *All of Me*.

The potpourri of concert included sentimental Crosby and Sinatra tunes, jazz, ragtime, Dixieland, novelty songs. The band had the audience, rocking, clapping, stomping and keeping time with the music by foot, by walker, by finger-snapping or whatever to participate in the irresistible rhythm.

Dix Bruce, himself a formidable talent, plays guitar and sings. Gary Newman (piano) and Marty Eggers (bass fiddle) performed a duet on the piano with their four hands together deftly playing a rapid *Ragtime*. John Hunt (trombone and vocals) played a sensational *Wrap Your Troubles In Dreams* and *Dinah*. Andrew Storer (trumpet and vocals) performed the Dean Martin hit *Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime* and *Besa Me Mucho* while accompanied with haunting tango rhythm. Renee Deeter (clarinet) added superlative accompaniment with every selection played, but her *Saint Infirmary Blues* is incomparable. Steve Apple (drums and cymbals) added the necessary condiments for the bountiful fare, especially with the rousing When the Saints Come Marching In.

The Dix Bruce Band appears to be having as much fun as the audience, and their innovative style and enthusiasm gives the impression that the instruments and their masters are totally communicating with each other. Engagin the crowd to participate was their popular *Making Whoopee* when everybody joins in the punch-line. Other songs, all with the charm and memories of beautiful music with understandable lyrics included *Lady Be Good*, *Do You Know What It Means To Miss New Orleans*, *Love*, and *My Blue Heaven*.

Dix Bruce and his Dixieland and Traditional Jazz Band are brought to the Home by *Friends of the Veterans Home*. Dix expressed the enjoyment of their six to seven years the Band has performed at the Home and promised to be back in early November.



Do you know someone who has lost money on scams? Come to our educational and fun seminar on Thursday evenings at 6 pm in Section A, room 110.

Come tell your story. Bring your topics to discuss. Bring your friends. Refer your clients. And, if you have copies of mail or internet offers, bring them to discuss and review.

For more information call Virginia Goodwind at 944-4834 or Dorothy Eliason at 94404522.

You say you don't have an example of a fraudulent letter? Take this one with you:

Fraudulent Grand Jury Summons containing Malware

From the FBI

The IC3 warns consumers of recently reported spam e-mail containing a fraudulent subpoena notifying recipients they are commanded to appear and testify before a Grand Jury. The e-mail attempts to appear authentic by containing a court case number, federal code, name and address of a California federal court, court room number, issuing officers' names, and a court seal. Recipients are directed to click the link provided in the e-mail in order to download and print associated information for their records. If the recipient clicks the link, malicious code is downloaded onto their computer.

The e-mail also contains language threatening recipients with contempt of court charges if they fail to appear. Recipients are also told the subpoena will remain in effect until the court grants a release. As with most spam, the content contains multiple spelling errors.

If you receive this type of notification and are unsure of its authenticity, you should contact the issuing court for validation.

Be aware; if you receive an unsolicited e-mail, especially from an unknown sender, it is recommended you do not open it. If you do open the e-mail, do not click any embedded links, as they may contain a virus or malware.

If you have received an e-mail similar to this, please file a complaint at www.ic3.gov.

It seems like most of the time the things that are fun are bad for us! So when something comes along that's fun and good for us, it might be worth paying attention to. What am I talking about? The new outdoor drumming group making it's debut at the Home on Wednesday May 7th. Drumming is not only a lot of fun, but has a lot of therapeutic value both physically and emotionally. And the great thing is, anyone can drum! It's a good way for people who may not be musically inclined to join in a group musical experience. You can bring your own drum or use one provided by TA staff.

Some of the medical benefits of drumming include:

- Stress reduction and Immune Support
- Reduction in Depression
- Helping with Alzheimer's Patients
- Retraining the brain after a Stroke

So where will this be? Outside on the patio across from the Hospital Chapel, from 10:30-11:30 am on Wednesday morning.

We hope to see you there!

Extended Hours at the Fitness Center

Fitness Center hours and days have been increased. The Center is now open 7 days a week from 7 am to 7 pm.



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Thursday, May 1 from 11 am to 4 pm, Holderman Hospital, West Hallway to the HRA.

Benefitting the American Cancer Society. Sponsored by the Veterans Home Relay For Life Team

Memorial Day Service Thursday, May 22, 10:00am

Santa Rosa Christian School Gymnasium, 950 South Wright Road, Santa Rosa 95405

It is our pleasure to invite you as our honored guests as we Honor America in a special and moving Tribute to our Fallen Heroes. For more information call 707-542-6414.



| May 25 Breakfast Special Strawberry Waffle 2 Bacon \$ 3.50 | May 18 Breakfast Special 2 Egg Ham & Cheese Omelet 1 Toast \$ 3.50 | May 11 Breakfast Special 1 French Toast 1 Egg, 2 Bacon or Links \$ 3.50 | May 4 Breakfast Special 1 Egg, 1 Bacon, 1 Toast, ½ Hash Browns \$ 2.75 | | Sunday | |
|--|--|---|--|--|-----------|---------------------------|
| May 26 HOLIDAY NO SPECIAL | May 19 Chicken Strips Fries Salad \$ 5.50 | May 12 Ruben Sandwich Fries \$ 5.50 | May 5 French Dip Macaroni Salad \$ 5.50 | | Monday | CO |
| May 27 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50 | May 20 Fried Chicken Fries \$ 5.00 | May 13 Fried Chicken Mashed Potato Veggies \$ 5.50 | May 6 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato, Veggies \$ 5.50 | | Tuesday | FFEE SHO |
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| May 29 Patty Melt Fries \$ 5.50 | May 22 BBQ Beef Sandwich Potato Salad \$ 5.50 | May 15 Spaghetti Salad Garlic Bread \$ 5.50 | May 8 Steak Sandwich Salad \$ 6.50 | May 1 Pork Ribs Baked Beans Potato Salad \$ 6.00 | Thursday | LS - MAY |
| May 30 Fish Patty Sandwich Cole Slaw \$ 5.50 | May 23 Grilled Turkey, Bacon, Swiss Sandwich, Fruit \$ 5.50 | May 16 Fried Shrimp Fries Salad \$ 6.00 | May 9 Captains Plate Fries, Cole Slaw \$ 6.50 | May 2 Grilled Tuna Sandwich Fries \$ 5.50 | Friday | Y 2008 |
| May 31 Breakfast Special Huevos Rancheros Tortilla-2 Egg-Beans 1/2 Hash Browns \$ 2.50 | May 24 Breakfast Special 1 Pancake 1 Egg, 2 Bacon \$ 3.50 | May 17 Breakfast Special ½ Corned Beef Hash, 2 Eggs, ½ Hash Browns \$ 3.50 | May 10 Breakfast Special 2 Biscuits & Gravy 1 Egg \$ 3.25 | May 3 Breakfast Special 2 Egg Cheese Omelet, Hash Browns \$ 3.50 | Saturday | |

Homemade Soup daily / Breakfast served till 11:30 /Indoor / Outdoor Seating /Open 7:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. for Hot Food /Large Menu to Choose From/2 TV's/ Tavern Service 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m./Karaoke Friday Night/ Lottery 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily / 8:00-Noon Weekends



Six Dimensions

Sculpture at the Napa Valley Museum

Tationally-recognized Napa Valley sculptors Arminée Chahbazian, Jack Chandler, Gordon Huether, Randy Hussong, Clifford Rainey and Rachel Riser will be celebrated at the Napa Valley Museum with an exhibition of their works from May 16 through July 6, 2008.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, May 16, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at the Napa Valley Museum. Admission to the reception is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

Arminée Chahbazian has had extensive education in art history, theoretical and philosophical approaches to art making and hands-on training in traditional stone carving. She earned her MFA in Sculpture from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and received her BA in Fine Arts from Scripps College in Claremont, California. She endeavors to work in materials from her immediate surroundings and produces from them stone sculptures of a sensuous nature, suggesting a state of mind and moments in a women's experience.

Jack Chandler was educated at CalPoly in Pomona, CA where he took a BA in Landscape Architecture and Chandler's talents extended logically to sculpture. He has been the recipient of many awards and honors, including an Exhibition Award in California Works and the Percy West Award at the San Francisco Arts Festival. His sculptures have a rustic yet whimsical style, inspiring many commissions for both public and private installations.

Gordon Huether was born in Rochester, NY to German immigrant parents. Having dual citizenship in Germany and the U.S., Huether has spent much time traveling between both places. Huether learned art composition and appreciation at an early age from his father. In the course of his initial artistic explorations Huether resolved to create a lasting impact on the world around him through the creation of large-scale works of art. An early step towards this goal occurred in 1987 when Huether founded his studio in Napa, California with a mission to create site-specific art installations.

Randy Hussong is a member of the faculty at the University of California at Berkeley in the Department of Art Practice where he teaches sculpture and printmaking. Hussong earned his Masters of Fine Art at UC Berkeley in 1980. His work has been shown at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, The San Jose Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Oakland Museum and in Tokyo, Japan. Randy is represented by Gallery Paule Anglim in San Francisco.

Napa Valley Symphony

Fri Mav 9 Napa Valley Pops: Pink Martini

8 pm

Somewhere between a 1930s Cuban dance orchestra, a classical chamber music ensemble,

May 10 8 pm

Sat

a Brasilian marching street band and Japanese film moir is the 12-piece Pink Martini. Part language lesson, part Hollywood musical, the Portland, Oregon-based "little orchestra" was created in 1994 by Harvard graduate and classically trained pianist Thomas M. Lauderdale.



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Noted Irish sculptor, Clifford Rainey attended the Belfast College of Art, the Hornsey College of Art in London, and the Waltham Forest School of Art in London and took his Master of Art degree from the Royal College of Art, London. He has toured with a circus, lived in the Greek Islands, Mustique, Turkey, and worked for glassworks in both Finland and Denmark. He has taught at the renown Pilchuk Glass School in WA, the and now teaches at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, CA. He has been widely collected in both Europe and the US.

Rachel Riser attended Parson's School of Design in New York and California College of Arts and Crafts. "I am a glass artist working in cast and fused glass," said Riser. "Structurally with glass, you have to know how to make things work in three dimensions. The artwork by John Cage has that spatial quality, a three dimensional appearance. It's always a challenge; every project is exciting." She has participated in Bouquets to Art at the DeYoung Museum and many exhibitions at the Napa Valley Museum.

The Napa Valley Museum is a private, nonprofit institution, located in scenic Yountville at 55 Presidents Circle adjacent to Domaine Chandon. The Museum is dedicated to providing unique experiences that enrich the cultural fabric of our community through changing and permanent exhibitions and educational programs related to the art, environment and history of the Napa Valley. The Museum is open daily, except Tuesday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students/seniors and \$2.50 for youth 7-17. Children under seven are admitted free. For additional information, please visit www.napavalleymuseum.org or call 707.944.0500.

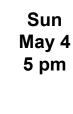
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Sat May 3 8 pm

John Berry Country music star John Berry is best known for his chart topping hits "Your Love Amazes Me" and "Standing on the Edge of Goodbye". His wide-ranging tenor voice remains an instrument of stupendous power. John Berry has been recognized by the Grammys, the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association as a nominee in the Best Male Vocalist category.



Terry Fator, Winner of NBC's America's Got Talent w/ Special Guests Williams & Ree Terry Fator, World Class Impersonator, Comedian, Singer and Ventriloquist is a seasoned professional, who entertains all over the Country

and now by winning America's Got Talent, is considered the #1 entertainer in America. Terry has a unique talent of making his "characters" sing like national recording artists and he does it "WITHOUT MOVING HIS LIPS." You will hear from stars like Garth Brooks, Elton John, the Rat Pack, Etta James, Stevie Wonder, Tony Bennett, Elvis, Richard Marx, James Blunt, Roy Orbison, Keith Urban, Nat King and Natalie Cole, Brooks and Dunn, Maroon Five, Tracy Chapman, Louis Armstrong and even Kermit the Frog. Terry Fator is ready as well, and the blend of his love of entertaining and the eagerness of his fans to share it with



Sat **May 31** 8 pm

generations!

Paramount's LaserSpectacular featuring the Music of Pink Floyd returns to Lincoln Theater with a newly-designed show featuring even more legendary rock music broadcast via 10,000 watts of concert quality sound and a cutting-edge laser light show that can be viewed in 3D. After touring the country for more than 20 years, this show is truly a cult classic that carries the audience away on a mind-expanding journey driven by cutting-edge visual effects.

him promises to be something that will be talked about for

Residential Care Special Events

| May 2 | 800 | | | | | |
|-------|-----|-------------|--------------------------------|-------|-----|--------|
| May | Day | Time | Event | Site | Bus | Signup |
| 2008 | | | | | | |
| 1 | Thu | 12:30pm | LeMelange/Napa Library | | MDR | Yes |
| 2 | Fri | | Attorney Monthly Visit | | | |
| | | call Allied | Council for appointment | | | |
| 3 | Sat | 7:30am | Kentucky Derby/Santa Rosa | | MDR | Yes |
| | | 10:00am | Jr. Legion Baseball: 13's | BOR | | |
| | | 1:00pm | Jr. Legion Baseball: 14's | BOR | | |
| | | 8:00pm | John Berry, Country Music | LT | | Yes |
| 4 | Sun | 10:00am | RiverCats Baseball | | MDR | Yes |
| | | 5:00pm | Terry Fator | LT | | Yes |
| 5 | Mon | 10:00am | Costco/Vallejo | | MDR | Yes |
| 9 | Fri | 8:00pm | Pink Martini | LT | | Yes |
| 10 | Sat | 8:00pm | Pink Martini | LT | | Yes |
| 12 | Mon | 10:00am | Target/Raley's | | MDR | Yes |
| 14 | Wed | 9:00am | Allied Council | HRA | | |
| 15 | Thu | 10:00am | Remembrance | CHP | | |
| 17 | Sat | 8:00am | Cemetery Cleanup | VHC | | |
| 18 | Sun | 7:30am | Sr. Breakfast/Napa | | MBS | Yes |
| | | 10:00am | RiverCats Baseball | | MDR | Yes |
| 19 | Mon | 10:00am | Fairfield Mall | | MDR | Yes |
| 20 | Tue | 1:30pm | Amerikids | HRA | | |
| 22 | Thu | 12:30pm | Le Melange/Napa Library | | MDR | Yes |
| 24 | Sat | Swimming | Pool opens – watch for the sch | edule | | |
| | | 9:00am | Posting the Colors | VHC | | |
| 25 | Sun | | Decorating the Cemetery | VHC | | |
| | | 6:00pm | Watchfire | VHC | | |
| 26 | Mon | 10:00am | Memorial Day Ceremony | VHC | | |
| | | 3:00pm | Memorial Day Concert | LT | | |
| 28 | Wed | - | Sunrise Montessori School | HRA | | |
| 29 | Thu | - | Oakland A's vs. Toronto | | MDR | Yes |
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Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; Bor: Borman Field; CHP: Chapel; GH: Grant Hall; HL: Hospital Lobby; HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; LIB: Lincoln Library (Section G basement), LT: Lincoln Theater; MBS: Main Bus Stop; MDR: Main Dining Room; MPG: Main Picnic Grounds; CS: Coffee Shop/Tavern (Section G main floor); VHC: Veterans Home Cemetery; VGC: Vintners Golf Course; XII: Annex II; Ynt: Yountville; YVP: Yountville Veterans Park.

Monday/Tuesday Movies in the HRA

Monday: Musicals or Comedies& Tueday: Drama or Western

| May | Day | Time | Movie |
|------------------|-----|----------|--|
| 2008 5-05 | Mon | 6:00 pm | Blue Sky's (1946) Starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire 104 min. |
| 5-06 | Tue | 6:00 pm | Shane (1953) Starring Alan Ladd and Jean Arthur Van Heflin 117 min. |
| 5-12 | Mon | 6:00 pm | Come September (1961) Starring Rock Hudson and Gina Lolabrigida 114 min. |
| 5-13 | Tue | No Movi | e Tonight – |
| | | Pinochle | Tournament begins at 5:30 pm |
| 5-19 | Mon | 5:30 pm | South Pacific (1958) Starring Rossano Brazzi Et Mitzi Gaynor 157 min. |
| 5-20 | Tue | 6:00 pm | Picnic (1955) Starring William Holden and Kim Novak 113 min. |
| 5-26 | Mon | 6:00 pm | Night and Day (1946) Starring Cary Grant and Alexis Smith 128 min. |
| 5-27 | Tue | 6:00 pm | The Searchers (1956) Starring John Wayne and Jeffrey Hunter 119 min. |



Come ... Dance with Us!

Our Sunday Afternoon Dance, each Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, is now in our Hospital Recreation Room, on the first floor, and, you are cordially invited!

This dance, sponsored by our Vets Home, has been going strong for 40 years and is free to one and all! Free refreshments, including diabetic selections, are provided.

Each year, at our annual Valentine's Day Dance, a new King and Queen are chosen to lead us in the merriment, and this year, Home Member, Bruce Holman and friend of the Home, Marie Billings, were crowned (photo at left). King Bruce brings us his unique version of the Kansas Stomp. Queen Marie, dances beautifully and has the trophies to prove it.

Do join us at the Sunday Afternoon Dance, 1:30-3:30 pm, Hospital Rec. Area. You will be glad that you did!

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY MOVIES IN THE HRA

Fri, May 2 – "JUNO" New (2007) award winning comedy stars Ellen Page as quirky 16yr old. ☆☆☆1/2

Wed, May 7 – "Funny Girl" 1968 award winning musical comedy stars Barbra Streisand as singer-comedienne Fanny Brice. Cast includes Omar Sharif and Walter Pigeon. ☆☆☆

Fri, May 9 – "Charlie Wilson's War" New (2007) fact-based clever drama stars Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts and Philip Seymore Hoffman. Hanks plays loveable rogue Texas congressman recruited by wealthy donor to aid in Afgan/Russian 1980 war. ❖❖❖

Wed, May 14 – "The Talented Mr. Ripley" 1999 drama stars Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett and Philip Seymore Hoffman. Poor boy/rich boy drama takes place in Italy. ☆☆☆

Fri, May 16 – "Enchanted" New (2007) partly animated tale is variation of classic fairy tale "Snow White" brought to modern-day Manhattan. Above average entertainment.

Wed, May 21 – "Airport" 1970 old-fashioned drama stars Burt Lancaster, Dean Martin, Jacqueline Bisset, Helen Hayes, Van Heflin, George Kennedy and Lloyd Nolan. Drama around hectic winter night at metropolitan airport. ☆☆☆

Fri, May 23 – "Walk Hard—the Dewey Cox story" New (2007) satirical comedy stars John Reilly in fake biopic parody of pop-musicians. Above average entertainment.

Wed, May 28 – "League of Their Own" 1992 entertaining comedy stars Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna, and Rosie O'Donnell. Story of woman's baseball league during WW2 with Hanks as drunken ex-baseball star as manager. ☆☆☆

Fri, May 30 – "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead" New (2007) drama stars Philip Seymore Hoffman and Ethan Hawke. Brothers involved in scheme to rob their parent's jewelry store which goes very wrong. Very good movie. *\(\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \

Hosp. Rec. Area Theater doors open at 5:15 pm Wednesdays & Fridays

Special selected presentations at 5:30 pm

Feature Film begins at 6:00 pm

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